

**STATE OF MAINE
SAMPLE BALLOT
Referendum Election, November 4, 2003**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

Place a cross (X) or a check (✓) in the square next to your choice. A mark in the YES box means you are in favor, a mark in the NO box means you are opposed. For Question 1, a mark in the "A" box is a vote for the Citizen Initiative; a mark in the "B" box is a vote for the Competing Measure; and a mark in the "C" box is a vote against both "A" and "B". If you make a mistake, you may request a new ballot. DO NOT ERASE.

**Question 1: Citizen Initiative and Competing Measure
(Mark Only One Box)**

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1A Citizen Initiative

Do you want the State to pay 55% of the cost of public education, which includes all special education costs, for the purpose of shifting costs from the property tax to state resources?

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1B Competing Measure

Do you want to lower property taxes and avoid the need for a significant increase in state taxes by phasing in a 55% state contribution to the cost of public education and by providing expanded property tax relief?

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1C Against A and B

Against both the Citizen Initiative and the Competing Measure.

Question 2: Citizen Initiative

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YES

Do you want to allow slot machines at certain commercial horse racing tracks if part of the proceeds are used to lower prescription drug costs for the elderly and disabled, and for scholarships to the state universities and technical colleges?

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NO

Question 3: Citizen Initiative

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YES

Do you want to allow a casino to be run by the Passamaquoddy Tribe and Penobscot Nation if part of the revenue is used for state education and municipal revenue sharing?

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NO

TURN OVER TO VOTE ON THE BOND QUESTIONS

**STATE OF MAINE
TREASURER'S STATEMENT**

The State of Maine borrows money by issuing bonds. Bonds spread the payments for projects over their useful life so that all benefiting from the projects pay for them. The following is a summary of the bond debt of the State of Maine as of July 31, 2003.

Bonds Outstanding (Issued and Maturing Through 2013):

	Principal	Interest	Total
Highway fund	\$ 61,225,000	\$ 8,842,646	\$ 70,067,646
General fund	\$285,765,000	\$46,511,468	\$332,276,468
Total	\$346,990,000	\$55,354,114	\$402,344,114

Unissued Bonds Authorized by Voters: \$262,882,031

Unissued Bonds Authorized by the Constitution and Laws: \$ 99,000,000

Total Unissued Bonds: \$361,882,031

If the bonds submitted here are approved by voters and issued for the full statutory period authorized, an estimate of the total interest and principal that may reasonably be expected to be paid is \$112,755,750 representing \$89,400,000 in principal and \$23,355,750 in interest.

Dale McCormick

Dale McCormick, Treasurer of State

Question 4: Bond Issue

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YES Do you favor a \$6,950,000 bond issue for the following purposes:

- NO**
1. The sum of \$2,000,000 to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$10,000,000 in federal funds;
 2. The sum of \$1,500,000 to provide grants to construct water pollution control facilities;
 3. The sum of \$500,000 to clean up uncontrolled hazardous substance sites;
 4. The sum of \$500,000 for the small community grant program to provide grants to rural communities to solve local pollution problems;
 5. The sum of \$500,000 for the overboard discharge removal program to provide grants to municipalities and individuals to eliminate licensed overboard discharges to shellfish areas, great ponds and drainage areas of less than 10 square miles;
 6. The sum of \$1,200,000 to support drinking water system improvements that address public health threats, providing the state match for \$4,140,000 in federal funds; and
 7. The sum of \$750,000 to construct environmentally sound water sources that help avoid drought damage to crops?

Total estimated life time cost is \$8,765,688 representing \$6,950,000 in principal and \$1,815,688 in interest (assuming interest at 4.75% over 10 years).

Question 5: Bond Issue

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YES Do you favor a \$19,000,000 bond issue to make repairs, upgrades and other facility improvements and enhance access for students with disabilities and upgrade classroom equipment at various campuses of the University of Maine System; the Maine Maritime Academy; and the Maine Community College System, which was formerly the Maine Technical College System, and to provide grants to construct and renovate public libraries and to improve community access to electronic resources?

NO

Total estimated life time cost is \$23,963,750 representing \$19,000,000 in principal and \$4,963,750 in interest (assuming interest at 4.75% over 10 years).

Question 6: Bond Issue

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YES Do you favor a \$63,450,000 bond issue for improvements to highways and bridges, airports, state-owned ferry vessels and ferry and port facilities and port and harbor structures; development of rail corridors and improvements to railroad structures and intermodal facilities; investment in the statewide public transportation fleet and public park and ride and service facilities; statewide trail and pedestrian improvements; and expansion of the statewide air-medical response system through construction of hospital helipads, building additional refueling facilities, upgrading navigational systems and acquiring training equipment to improve access to health care that makes the State eligible for \$217,000,000 in matching federal funds?

NO

Total estimated life time cost is \$80,026,313 representing \$63,450,000 in principal and \$16,576,313 in interest (assuming interest at 4.75% over 10 years).

**TURN OVER TO VOTE ON THE
CITIZEN INITIATIVES AND COMPETING MEASURE**